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1. The Union of Soviet Citizens (Sovietaki Grashdani Sŭyus) in Sofia has approximately 1,700 members, all Russian emigrants who received Soviet citizenship at the end of World War II. There are similar unions in other cities, such as Plovdiv, Ruse, Varna, Kazanlık, and Stara Zagora.
2. The central headquarters, which controls all the unions in the country, occupies club rooms in the premises of the former German school in Sofia. It controls several enterprises which serve as financial resources for the upkeep of the unions. These enterprises include the following:
  - a. A factory for the production of wooden huts, located near the Iskur railroad station in Sofia;
  - b. An agricultural farm at Kokalyane (N 42-35, E 23-25) village near Sofia; and
  - c. A small galvanization plant.
3. The unions are engaged solely in propaganda, under the direct supervision of the Soviet diplomatic representation. This propaganda is successful only among the youth. Most of the elderly people among the former Russian emigrants regret having accepted Soviet citizenship, for they had expected that this would enable them to return to the USSR. Having been disappointed, they now see no reason for their membership in the union or their holding Soviet passports.
4. The Chairman of the Union of Soviet Citizens in Sofia is Kostiya Tepliski. He is a Russian born in Bulgaria, is about 33 years old, and is a Communist who was active in the underground.

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